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1. FINAL BUT UNOFFICIAL RETURNS FROM THE OCTOBER 12 PARTIAL
SENATE ELECTIONS AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BY-ELECTIONS ARE NOW
IN. RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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SENATE (54 SEATS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

	AT STAKE	(6 SEATS AT STAKE)
JUSTICE PARTY (JP)	27	5
REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP)	25	1
NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP)	2	-

2. THESE RESULTS PRODUCE THE FOLLOWING LINE-UPS IN THE TWO HOUSES
(FORMER TOTALS IN PARENTHESES):

	SENATE	NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
JP	78 (84)	159 (154)
RPP	60 (43)	189 (188)
NSP	5 (3)	48 (48)
REPUBLICAN RELIANCE (RR)		4 (6) 10 (10)
NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY (NAP)		1 (2) 3 (3)
DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP)		0 (1) 24 (24)
TURKISH UNITY PARTY (TUP)		0 (0) 1 (1)
INDEPENDENTS	2 (5)	14 (14)
VACANCIES	0 (6)	2 (8)
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES		15 (15) ---
"LIFE " SENATORS	19 (19)	---

3. ALTHOUGH OFFICIAL VOTE TOTALS WILL NOT BE KNOWN FOR SEVERAL DAYS
(UNTIL RELEASED BY THE HIGH ELECTION BOARD), THE UNOFFICIAL TOTALS
YIELD THE FOLLOWING PERCENTAGES: RPP - 43.4 JP - 40.8 NSP - 8.8
NAP - 3.3, DP - 3.1, TUP - 0.5. APPROXIMATELY 5.42 MILLION
VOTES WERE CAST, REPRESENTING A TURNOUT OF AROUND 58.5 PERCENT
OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN THE 27 PROVINCES WHICH HAD ELECTIONS.

4. COMMENT: AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL, THE CLEAREST OUTCOME OF THE ELEC-
TION IS THE VICTORY FOR THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES AT THE EXPENSE OF THE
SMALLER PARTIES. BEYOND THAT THE OUTCOME ALSO REPRESENTS A PERSONAL
TRIUMPH FOR BOTH PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL AND RPP LEADER ECEVIT IN A CONTEST
WHICH SEEMED STRONGLY INFLUENCED BY THE PERSONALITIES AND RECORDS
OF THE PARTY LEADERS. EXCLUDING THE ISTANBUL VOTE (WHICH FAVORED
THE RPP BY ALMOST 250,000 VOTES), DEMIREL RAN AHEAD OF ECEVIT IN
THE REST OF THE COUNTRY, A FACTOR WHICH COULD WELL WEIGH HEAVILY
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IN THE PARTIES' CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER TO SEEK EARLY ELECTIONS.
(OF THE 40 PROVINCES IN WHICH THERE WERE NO ELECTIONS, MOST ARE
RURAL AND ARE TRADITIONAL SOURCES OF JP STRENGTH.)

5. ECEVIT, OUT OF OFFICE, WITH HIS POPULAR INTERVENTION IN CYPRUS
NOW MORE THAN ONE YEAR PAST, MANAGED BY STRONG CAMPAIGNING TO
INCREASE THE RPP'S SHARE OF THE VOTE AN ADDITIONAL 10 PERCENT OVER
1973 AND KEEP IT AS TURKEY'S LARGEST PARTY IN SPITE OF DEMIREL'S S

SUCCESS IN RECAPTURING MANY OF THE 1973 DEFECTORS FROM THE JP. ECE-
VIT'S OWN PUBLIC EXPLANATION WAS THAT THE RPP'S "HOPE TO WIN THE ELEC
-TION AND COME TO POWER DID NOT DEPEND ON THE DISPERSAL OF THE RIGHT-
WING VOTES, BUT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOCIETY, THE CONSCIENCE OF

THE PEOPLE AND ON THE CORRECTNESS OF THE DEMOCRATIC L
EFT COURSE".

HOWEVER, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE RPP NOW DEPENDS EVEN MORE
HEAVILY ON ECEVIT'S PERSONAL ATTRACTIVENESS TO THE VOTERS.
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